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Appeal No. 01/2024/SCIC

Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye,
H.No. 35/A, Ward No. 11,
Khorlim, Mapusa,
Bardez-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1.The Public Information Officer,
The Head Clerk (Nilesh Lingudkar),
Mapusa Municipal Council,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

2.The First Appellate Authority,
The Chief Officer (Chandrakant Shetkar),
Mapusa Municipal Council,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Aravind Kumar H. Nair State Chief Information Commissioner

RELEVANT FACTS

RTI application filed on	- 11/07/2023
Respondent PIO reply	- NIL
First Appeal filed on	- 10/2023
First Appellate order on	- 15/12/2023
Second appeal received on	- 01/01/2024
Decision in the Second Appeal on	- 21/01/2025

Information sought and background of this Appeal.

1. Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye filed an RTI application dated 11/10/2023 to the PIO, Mapusa Municipal Council (MMC) seeking following information:-

- 1) Furnish certified copy of the complaint filed by Shri. Subhash Narvekar against Smt. Sulochana C. Harmalkar.*
- 2) Certified copy of the site inspection report dated 20/02/2020 prepared by JE-II, Mr. Subha Amonkar.*
- 3) Complete and detail information with respect to all the House Tax numbers registered in the name of Shri. Subhash Narvekar, Ex-Chairperson, MMC.*

4) Allow to inspect the entire House Tax Assessment Records/ Demand Register with regards to house tax and garbage tax fixed in the name of Shri. Subhash Narvekar, his wife and son.

2. Failing to get any reply/ information from the PIO to the RTI application, RTI applicant filed first appeal dated 17/10/2023 to the Chief Officer, MMC.
3. Meanwhile, Respondent PIO vide letter dated 08/11/2023 furnished information sought by the Appellant in Point No. 3 and 4 of his RTI application.
4. FAA vide order dated 15/12/2023 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish the information within a week time and PIO agreed to furnish the remaining information (Point No. 1 & 2) to the Appellant within a week time.
5. In spite of FAA's Order dated 15/12/2023 directing the Respondent PIO to furnish information within a week's time, PIO failed to furnish the desired information. Accordingly, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 01/01/2024 before the Commission.

Facts Emerging in course of hearing.

6. Pursuant to the second appeal filed by the Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, parties were notified fixing the matter for first hearing on 12/02/2024.
7. Respondent PIO vide letter dated 09/02/2024 submitted before the Commission that information will be provided to the Appellant once the appeal memo is collected from the Commission and requested to grant two week's time to furnish the information to the Appellant.
8. The matter was not heard from March 2024 to September 2024 as the post of the SCIC and SIC remained vacant for that time.
9. The incumbent SCIC took up the matter for hearing on 24/09/2024 and 24/10/2024 but the Appellant remained absent on both

the hearings. Respondent PIO submitted a copy of the information provided in respect of remaining 2 points (Point No. 1 & 2) in the RTI application of the Appellant vide letter dated 16/10/2024. PIO further submitted that by furnishing information on Point No. 1 & 2, he has furnished complete information to the Appellant as per his RTI application.

10. During the final hearing today i.e. 21/01/2025, Respondent PIO submitted that he has furnished all information to the Appellant, who has duly acknowledged the same in writing. Appellant placed a written submission that he has received the desired information from the PIO on 14/01/2025.

DECISION

Since the Appellant has received complete information from the PIO as per his RTI application dated 11/10/2023, the Commission today i.e. 21/01/2025 disposed off the Appeal No. 01/2024 and the proceeding stands closed.

- **Pronounced in open court.**
- **Notify the parties.**

(Aravind Kumar H. Nair)
State Chief Information Commissioner